

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 711

BY REPRESENTATIVE SHADOIN

LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR: Provides relative to release of legislative audits

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 24:513(G), relative to audit reports issued by the legislative
3 auditor; to preclude the issuance of a temporary restraining order or injunctive relief
4 barring the release of an audit report; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 24:513(G) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §513. Powers and duties of legislative auditor; audit reports as public records;
8 assistance and opinions of attorney general; frequency of audits; subpoena
9 power

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11 G.(1) The audit reports issued by the legislative auditor or accepted by the
12 legislative auditor pursuant to this Section or R.S. 46:1064(B), shall be subject to the
13 laws providing for inspection of public records and shall be available in the office
14 of the legislative auditor three days after the date of issuance of the reports as
15 provided by R.S. 44:6. However, this Subsection shall not apply to any documents,
16 data, or information furnished the legislative auditor which are deemed confidential
17 by law.

18 (2) No court shall have jurisdiction to issue or cause to be issued any
19 temporary restraining order, preliminary injunction, or permanent injunction barring
20 the release of an audit report prepared by the office of the legislative auditor.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Precludes the issuance of a TRO or injunction to bar the release of an audit report prepared by the legislative auditor.

Present law sets forth the power and duties of the legislative auditor and specifically provides that audit reports issued by the legislative auditor are public records. Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law precludes a court from issuing a temporary restraining order, preliminary injunction, or permanent injunction barring the release of an audit report.

(Amends R.S. 24:513(G))